

I do not support the elimination of Element 1 (Morse testing) from General and Extra Class Amateur Radio license examinations.

It is a specious argument to cite the disposition of Morse in other licensed radio services. The Amateur Radio Service is unlike other government, military and commercial radio services and has been so, wisely, from its inception. As a non-pecuniary radio service, its role, amongst others, is to provide training and emergency radio services, and it is in those roles that Morse (CW) plays an irreplaceable part.

No amount of haranguing by this petition will validate the perfunctory elimination of the Morse requirement. Only a full and open discussion of this topic, one that fairly weighs the data tendered and opinions emanating from both sides, will keep this matter from creating a deep schism that will divide the Amateur Radio Service for years.